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1. SADAT ACTIVITIES AT COLOMBO DOMINATED CAIRO PRESS AUGUST 17
AND CAMPAIGN AGAINST LIBYA SHARPLY DIMISHED. PAPERS DO
NOTE QADHAFI'S STOPOVER IN TASHKENT ENROUTE AND HIS
REFUSAL TO INSPECT SRI LANKA GUARD OF HONOR. GUMHURRIYA
ALSO CLAIMS LIBYANS WHO WERE REFUSED ENTRY TO SRI LANKA
CARRIED EXPLOSIVES AND MACHINE GUNS IN BAGGAGE. SADAT
APPEARS NOT TO HAVE MENTIONED LIBYA IN SPEECH TO NAC
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2. IN CONVERSATION WITH POLCOUNS AUGUST 16, SOVIET FIRST SECRETARY KOLESNIKOV RIDICULED RECENT GOE CHARGES THAT USSR ABETTING LIBYAN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITES IN SUDAN AND EGYPT. KOLESNIKOV SAID USSR SUPPLIES ARMS TO LIBYA, AS US DOES TO OTHER COUNTRIES, BUT IT CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTIONS OF RECIPIENT STATE. ASKED WHAT HE THOUGHT MOTIVE OF GOE WAS IN ATTEMPTING DESIGNED TO DRIVE A WEDGE BETWEEN USSR AND ITS ARAB FRIENDS. HE NOTED THAT SOVIETS PROVIDE ARMS TO THE SUDAN AND HAVE BEEN ENJOYING GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS.

3. AKHBAR CARRIES VITRIOLIC AHMAD ZEIN EDITORIAL WHICH REVIEWS QADHAFI'S RECORD OF TERRORISM AND IS REPLETE WITH PHRASES SUCH AS "QADHAFI BOMBS WOMEN AND CHILDREN FOR SAKE OF SATISYING HIS AVOCATION OF KILLING AND SHEDDING BLOOD." EDITORIAL CLEARLY IMPLIES QADHAFI ACTING WITH SOVIET ARMS AND UNDER SOVIET PROTECTION.

4. COMMENT: KOLESNIKOV SHOWED NO ANGER OVER EGYPTIAN CHARGES OF SOVIET SUBVERSION CALLING THEM MERELY A GAME NATIONS PLAY. WE ARE STRUCK BY APPARENT SOVIET PUBLIC SILENCE (JUDGING FROM EMBASSY MOSCOW PRESS REVIEW) ON TENSIONS BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND LIBYA AND IN FACE OF ACCUSATIONS THAT GOE PERMITTING MEDIA TO MAKE AGAINST SOVIETS (REFTEL).
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